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SUBJECT: US POLICY TOWARD JAMAICA

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1. (LOU) DEPT. HAS NOTED THAT CARVAJAL RAISED JAMAICA WITH YOU DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION, AND THAT HE HAD AN INACCURATE VIEW OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD JAMAICA, APPARENTLY THINKING THAT WE OPPOSED MANLEY'S RE-ELECTION, HE ASKED US IF WE COULD REVERSE POLICY AND SUPPORT HIM. EMBOFF SHOULD APPROACH CARVAJAL AT AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT AND CORRECT HIS IMPRESSION OF U.S. POLICY.

2. (LOU) THE USG POSITION IS CLEAR. DURING THE PRESENT JAMAICAN ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN THE USG HAS STATED ITS SUPPORT FOR JAMAICA'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND THE ELECTORAL PROCESS WHILE MAINTAINING A POLICY OF STRICT NETURALITY IN THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN, ALTHOUGH EACH OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES HAS SOUGHT TO ENGAGE THE US TO ITS OWN ENDS.

SPRING WE ADOPTED A BUSINESS AS USUAL APPROACH WITH REGARD TO JAMAICA. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN AID PROJECT BLOCKED BY OBJECTIONS RAISED BY SENATOR SCHWEIKER, WE HAVE PROCEEDED WITH OUR ONGOING AID PROJECTS. ALTHOUGH THE LACK OF A SPECIFIC JAMAICAN ECONOMIC PROGRAM WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR HALTING DISBURSEMENTS UNDER THE CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT FACILITY, WE DID NOT SEEK TO HALT DISBURSEMENTS IN VIEW OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE PRE ELECTORAL PERIOD. DISBURSEMENTS HAVE CONTINUED AT A RATE NO FASTER, NO SLOWER THAN THAT WHICH PERTAINED PREVIOUSLY. AFTER THE ELECTIONS, GOVERNMENT DEFINITION OF AN ECONOMIC PLAN WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE U.S. AND OTHER DONORS TO PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE THE JAMAICAN ECONOMY SO BADLY NEEDS.

4. (UNCLASSIFIED) THE GOVERNMENT OWNED MEDIA HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN AN ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN PRIMARILY DIRECTED AGAINST THE CIA. THESE ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY FALSE. THE USG IS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY EFFORT AIMED AT DESTABILIZING THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA. WE DESIRE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH ANY GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WHICH IS CHOSEN BY THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE IN FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT HELD GAVE WIDE SPREAD COVERAGE TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY PUBLISHER OF COVERT ACTION WHO IDENTIFIED 15 EMBASSY OFFICERS AS CIA AGENTS. A FEW DAYS AFTER THE PRESS CONFERENCE THERE WERE ATTACKS OUTSIDE TWO EMBASSY

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